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or regulation so relied upon. The statement shall include:

- (i) Explanation of the meaning the agency attributes to the proposal as a whole, including any terms of art, acronyms, technical language or any other aspect of the language of the proposal which is not in common usage; and
- (ii) Description of a particular work situation, or other particular circumstance the agency views the proposal to concern, which will enable the Authority to understand the context in which the proposal is considered to apply by the agency.

(b) A copy of the agency's statement of position, including all attachments thereto shall be served on the exclusive representative.

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§ 2424.7 Response of the exclusive representative; time limits for filing; service.

- (a) Within fifteen (15) days after the date of the receipt by an exclusive representative of a copy of an agency's statement of position the exclusive representative shall file a full and detailed response stating its position and reasons for:
- (1) Disagreeing with the agency's allegation that the matter, as proposed to be negotiated, is inconsistent with any Federal law or Government-wide rule or regulation; or
- (2) Alleging that the agency's rules or regulations violate applicable law, or rule or regulation or appropriate authority outside the agency; that the rules or regulations were not issued by the agency or by any primary national subdivision of the agency, or otherwise are not applicable to bar negotiations under 5 U.S.C. 7117(a)(3); or that no compelling need exists for the rules or regulations to bar negotiations.
- (b) The response shall cite the particular section of any law, rule or regulation alleged to be violated by the agency's rules or regulations; or shall explain the grounds for contending the agency rules or regulations are not applicable to bar negotiations under 5 U.S.C. 7117(a)(3), or fail to meet the criteria established in subpart B of this part or were not issued at the agency

headquarters level or at the level of a primary national subdivision.

(c) A copy of the response of the exclusive representative including all attachments thereto shall be served on the agency head and on the agency's representative of record in the proceeding before the Authority.

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§ 2424.8 Additional submissions to the Authority.

The Authority will not consider any submission filed by any party, whether supplemental or responsive in nature, other than those authorized under §§ 2424.2 through 2424.7 unless such submission is requested by the Authority; or unless, upon written request by any party, a copy of which is served on all other parties, the Authority in its discretion grants permission to file such submission.

§2424.9 Hearing.

A hearing may be held, in the discretion of the Authority, before a determination is made under 5 U.S.C. 7117(b) or (c). If a hearing is held, it shall be expedited to the extent practicable and shall not include the General Counsel as a party.

§2424.10 Authority decision and order; compliance.

- (a) Subject to the requirements of this subpart the Authority shall expedite proceedings under this part to the extent practicable and shall issue to the exclusive representative and to the agency a written decision on the allegation and specific reasons therefor at the earliest practicable date.
- (b) If the Authority finds that the duty to bargain extends to the matter proposed to be bargained, the decision of the Authority shall include an order that the agency shall upon request (or as otherwise agreed to by the parties) bargain concerning such matter. If the Authority finds that the duty to bargain does not extend to the matter proposed to be negotiated, the Authority shall so state and issue an order dismissing the petition for review of the negotiability issue. If the Authority finds that the duty to bargain extends to the matter proposed to be bargained